

**MINUTES  
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
FEBRUARY 8, 2010**

The State Board of Education met via telephone conference call at 2:15 p.m., CST, on February 8, 2010.

**Present..... 6**

**Mr. Jim Ayers  
Ms. Vernita Justice  
Mr. Richard Ray  
Ms. Teresa Sloyan  
Dr. Melvin Wright  
Ms. Katie McMillan**

**Absent.....5**

**Mr. Fielding Rolston, Chair  
Mr. Flavius Barker  
Ms. Carolyn Pearre  
Dr. Jean Anne Rogers  
Dr. Richard Rhoda, Ex-Officio**

**Mr. Ray, Acting Chair**, called the meeting to order.

**I. Action Items (Final Reading)**

**A. *Charter School Appeal – Adira Academy***

Consideration of the appeal of the Hamilton County’ Board of Education’s denial of Adira Academy’s public charter school application.

**B. *Charter School Appeal – Smithson Craighead Academy High School***

Consideration of the appeal of the Metropolitan Board of Public Education’s denial of Smithson Craighead Academy High School’s public charter school application.

**C. *Charter School Appeal – Guap Academy***

Consideration of the appeal of the Memphis City Schools Board of Commissioner’s denial of Guap Academy’s public charter school application.

**D. *Charter School Appeal – National Achievers Academy of Memphis***

Consideration of the appeal of the Memphis City Schools Board of Commissioner’s denial of National Achievers Academy’s public charter school application.

**E. *Charter School Appeal – Full Circle Middle School***

Consideration of the appeal of the Memphis City Schools Board of Commissioner’s denial of Full Circle Middle School’s public charter school application.

**F. *Charter School Appeal – Head Start Elementary***

Consideration of the appeal of the Memphis City Schools Board of Commissioner’s denial of Head Start Elementary’s public charter school application.

**G. Charter School Appeal – Global Leadership Academy**

Consideration of the appeal of the Memphis City Schools Board of Commissioner’s denial of Global Leadership Academy’s public charter school application.

**H. Charter School Appeal – Special Program of Teens Academy**

Consideration of the appeal of the Memphis City Schools Board of Commissioner’s denial of Special Program of Teens Academy’s public charter school application.

**I. Charter School Appeal – Hope International School**

Consideration of the appeal of the Memphis City Schools Board of Commissioner’s denial of Hope International School’s public charter school application.

**Dr. Gary Nixon**, Executive Director, State Board of Education, explained that he presided at hearings regarding the appeals in Chattanooga, Nashville and Memphis. One sponsor appealed in Chattanooga (Adira Academy), one in Nashville (Smithson Craighead High School) and seven in Memphis (Guap Academy, National Achievers Academy of Memphis, Full Circle Middle School, Head Start Elementary, Global Leadership Academy, Special Program of Teens Academy, and Hope International School).

**Dr. Nixon** explained that the sponsors and the authorizer were given an opportunity to present, and **Dr. Nixon** and State Board of Education staff reviewed the documents posted online for each appeal.

**Dr. Nixon** recommended that the Board affirm the denials by the local boards of education for each of the nine appeals. Board members had been sent his written findings and recommendations prior to the meeting.

**ACTION:** **Dr. Wright** moved approval. **Ms. Justice** seconded and a roll call vote was taken as follows:

		<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>
	<b>Jim Ayers</b>			<b>X</b>	
	<b>Flavius Barker</b>				<b>X</b>
	<b>Vernita Justice</b>	<b>X</b>			
	<b>Carolyn Pearre</b>				<b>X</b>
	<b>Dick Ray</b>	<b>X</b>			
	<b>Jean Anne Rogers</b>				<b>X</b>
	<b>Fielding Rolston</b>				<b>X</b>
	<b>Teresa Sloyan</b>	<b>X</b>			
	<b>Melvin Wright</b>	<b>X</b>			
	<b>Katie McMillan</b>	<b>X</b>			

The motion passed by majority vote.

**Mr. Ray** thanked members for being available to participate in the meeting by telephone. The meeting was adjourned.

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_